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WESTMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME ALERT

The Westmont Police Department Crime Prevention Unit would like to alert the public about several recent attempts to victimize senior citizens.

The Westmont Police Department has recently investigated several cases wherein senior citizens in the Village of Westmont received telephone calls from individuals trying to deceive the senior citizen in an effort to have them pay fees to protect them from bank fraud and identity theft. In these cases the caller advised the victim that their personal bank account information was posted on the internet or was available from other public sources. The caller would then offer to provide a service that would protect the victim from bank fraud or identity theft for monthly fee. These fees were exorbitant and ranged from \$199.00 to \$395.00 per month. In all cases these offers were fraudulent and no actual service would be provided. Efforts to recontact the caller would reveal that the telephone numbers provided to the victims did not exist.

The Westmont Police Department would like to remind all of the citizens of the Village of Westmont to be very cautious about any offers that they receive over the phone or by way of the internet that tell them that they have been victimized and offering to remedy their problem. The caller is most likely the person who will actually victimize the citizen. Never provide any personal information, account numbers, credit card numbers or similar information to these callers.

If you receive such a call, please contact the Westmont Police Department immediately.